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Remembering Christopher Gupta

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Christopher J. Gupta, 20, passed away on February 11, after a motorcycle collision in Lake County. Chris, a former Saint Leo student, will not soon be forgotten. Students who knew Chris have described him to be the first to laugh at their jokes, no matter how bad, and as a true team player. Chris was known to be seen at the sidelines of intramural soccer games, and became a regular fixture at sporting events.

"Chris lived 20 years better than some may live in a lifetime," said friend Mike Pirrello. "He lived every day like it was his last."

A mass to celebrate Chris' life was held on February 16 in the Saint Leo Abbey.

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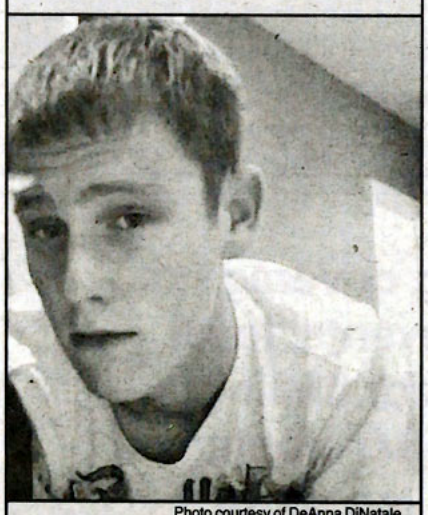

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Rest in peace, Chris

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Scherwin Henry discusses the importance of service

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Interest into community by voting, by learning about oneself, and by engaging in positive ways is of vital importance for college students. Gainesville City Commissioner Scherwin Henry referred to these traits while speaking to Saint Leo University students about the impact that they can have on their community

Scherwin Henry, Gainesville's city commissioner of District One, visited Saint Leo Friday, Feb. 18, to discuss the opportunities that students have to impact their community, which in turn will help them to grow as individuals. Henry stressed the importance of voting, volunteering, and focusing on how students can make a personal difference in the world. He also touched on the significance of how people treat one another. As February is Black History month, Henry supported his message with references to the struggles he faced in his own life growing up during segregation.

"It was about how we should treat each other. He really offered powerful words and wisdom," said senior Daniel Salahuddin.

Finding the real you was the theme of the evening, which began with a brief video of Henry discussing the issue of injustice that he felt was taking place in his community. Injustice that he stated "moved him to tears." His emotional response to discrimination showed his passion for solving the problems that his district was facing.

Henry has been a lifelong resident of Gainesville, and he lived in a historically African American neighborhood.

"Typically, students aspired to be a teacher, or a policeman. There were few lawyers and doctors," said Henry.
He addressed the issue of having to deal with people who reacted to him because of the color of his skin. For students dealing with intolerance today, he asked the question, will that reaction throw you off your focus? Or will you deal with it a different way so as not to give power to that individual to change your life?

In reference to the "I Have a Dream" speech by Martin Luther King Jr. in which he discussed his dream for the future, Henry feels that the dream doesn't belong to just one person; it belongs to everyone.

"We allow race, status, difference in education to get in the way. Martin was trying to get us to understand, we are in this together," said Henry.

He understands that each of us in our own way possess a special talent. We can each go into the world and make a difference.

"We have to not be judgmental. We talk at each other and not to each other," said Henry.

This ability to make a difference is what serving the community means to Henry. Two ways students can develop themselves by serving the community in which they reside is by volunteering and voting. Henry says it is a fallacy to believe that federal government makes the difference in our lives. In fact, it is local government that directly affects us. Students can be a powerful voting bloc.

"People make decisions that affect your life; you should have a role in that," said Henry.

Henry hopes to light a fire under students, to get them to find something in their community that they can attach themselves to, to make things better for others.

"Serving others is educational," said Henry.

Serving others is an education that is crucial to the development of "finding out who you really are," Henry argued

Henry closed the evening with several points he feels every student should remember. He encouraged students to respect themselves and to not make excuses for what they're not doing, and to finish their education.

"Don't allow yourselves to be defined by your skin color, your past, or surroundings," said Henry.

SGU Constitution undergoes reconstruction

Lions' Pride Copy Editor
BY CARSON HOLTON

A meeting of five students in the Student Government Union office may be more important than it seems.

On Saturday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m., the changes to the constitution commenced. These amendments are the first since September of 2002. The initial group of students to join this cause included junior Alysia McKenna, SGU vice president of operations, and junior Collin Good, former president of the Class of 2012 and former chairman of the SGU Constitutional Review Committee. This group expanded by noon to include junior Amanda Cassar, SGU president, and senior Samantha Crossett, former president of the Class of 2011.

The current constitution was reviewed in one meeting this fall, however, only the syntax and diction were reviewed. The changes came from this meeting, where the sections were re-numerated to reflect the needs of the current student body.

Initially, there were minor grammatical and stylistic changes to the first few pages of the document. Once they reached Section 8, the qualifications of appointed members, the group decided to change the minimum grade point average requirement for the appointed members from 2.25 to 2.5. They all agreed that the SGU liaisons should reflect good academic standing if they are to properly represent sections of the student body.

At Section 9, the group members simplified its seven points to include two main points. Section 9, the powers and duties of appointed SGU liaisons, states that SGU liaisons must attend all Senate meetings, and must meet with the SGU President to discuss upcoming plans. By simplifying Section 9, students in SGU will have more flexibility to perform the duties in their job description without the legal requirements binding them to the details of those descriptions.

Section 10 followed with the job descriptions of student liaisons. The group members decided that this section didn't directly belong in the constitution because job descriptions may need revisions at times, and the constitution can only be amended after a period of a year, for example. Therefore, this section was included in the Appendix which will be on the backside of the document. The Appendix will be official like the constitution, yet more accessible to revision than the constitution. A change to an Appendix would require a three-quarter majority vote by the Senate.

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Opinions

Scott brings budgetary changes for Florida

BY LINDSAY RENNER
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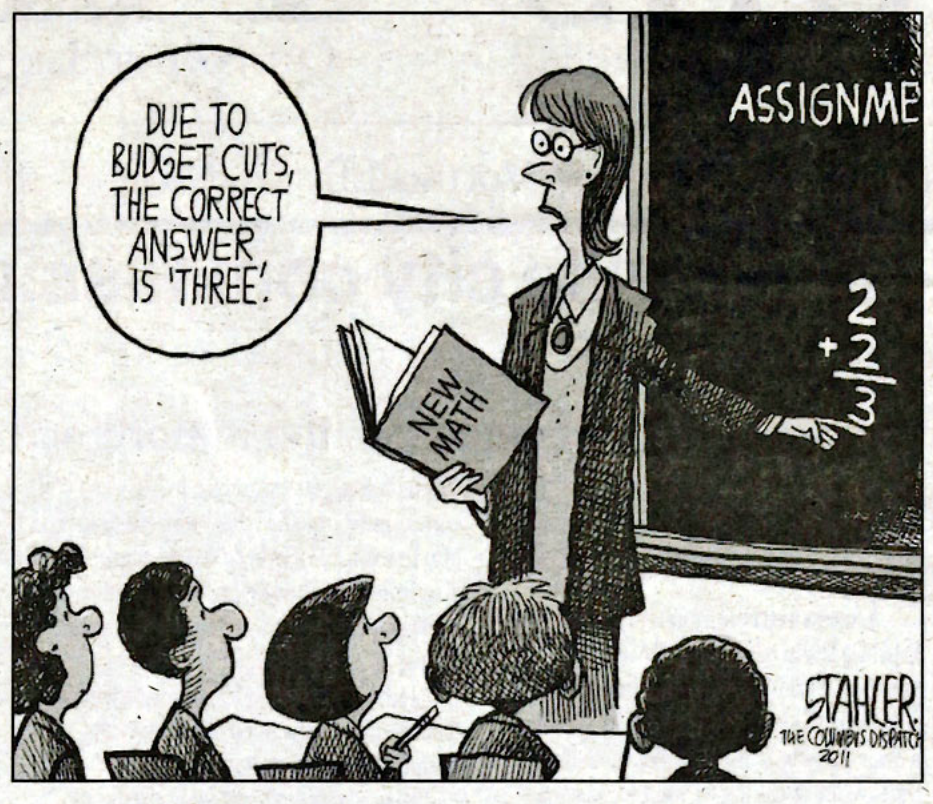
As many politicians are wont to do, Rick Scott won the Florida gubernatorial election this past November by promising change and new beginnings for the state. As expected, Scott has delivered on these promises, but not in quite the manner that most people may have expected.

Scott unveiled his initial budget plans to a Tea Party event earlier this month, on Monday, Feb., 7. He proposed a budget of $66 million, a budget down almost $4.6 billion from the previous year's expenditures. The majority of these cuts will be drawn from the areas of education, the police force, and state fire departments. As expected, the reductions in these areas have drawn much criticism from some around the state, and alternately, high praise from others.

Scott recognized that although cutting so many areas of employment would temporarily add to the state's already large unemployment levels, it could potentially bear positive consequences down the line. In essence, he hoped that his "job budget" would eventually come to shrink state government and cut nearly $2.4 billion in tax revenue, ultimately improving the state's economy.



"As long as 1.1 million Floridians are out of work, we can't afford a government that runs wild with taxes, regulations and expensive spending," said Scott.

Critics were quick to note the largest area of budget cuts: education, where the industry will suffer a nearly $4.8 billion loss in the program's first year. Specifically, in Pasco County schools, the district estimates that they will be dealt a cut in funding worth $14.5 million. Although the county is due for $32.5 million in stimulus funding, that money is expected to run out sometime next year.

Further, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and the county commissioners have been at odds over the proposed budget cuts for quite some time now. The two have been locked in a $4 million budget dispute, and only recently settled on a level of money much lower than what Sheriff Bob White had initially proposed. White is charged with the task of maintaining a jail and law enforcement agency that has to operate on a budget of $85 million to ostensibly serve and protect a county with a population of over 400,000 people. While this is larger than the budget provided for other areas of the county's operation, such as libraries, swimming pools, and recreational centers, White maintained that this budget is not enough to support the 28 new deputies necessary to come into the department and keep things running smoothly throughout the county.

The state is in a time of economic turmoil, and Pasco County is not exempt from the ramifications of these changes. Whether Scott's budget cuts work successfully or not remains to be seen, but it can only be hoped that the state will soon face a resolution to its crisis.

Deejay's Musings

Things I want to yell about

BY DANA JENNINGS
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- Do you have a gambling problem? Wager a candy bar with DJ over March Madness and let the trash talking commence.

- The Middle East has come to a boil. Mubarak is out and no one knows what to do now. Saudi Arabia is unsettled. Libya is escalating the violence. Iraq is still unstable. Israel is continually looking for a peaceful solution with little success. This does not even begin to scratch the surface. None of this is new. But it is news. We need to remember that the protests in Egypt were occurring for four months before U.S. newspapers really picked it up and that the Egyptian people were being repressed for 30 years.

- In happy news, President Barack Obama is going to be visiting three Latin American countries in March. Obama will make stops in Brazil, Chile, and El Salvador to discuss environmentalism, economics, and trade relations.

Americans will continue to look at domestic issues as the most important, but Obama has obligations as a global leader. His actions will continue to shape foreign relations and foster good will around the world.

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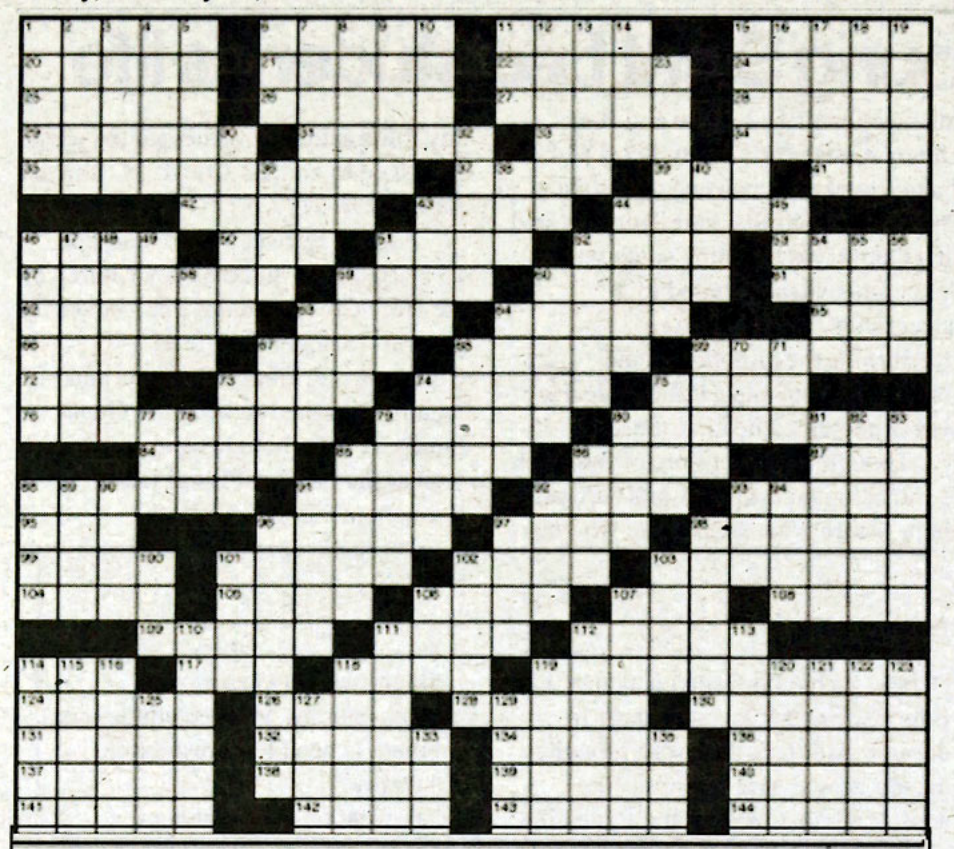

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Answers to today's crossword can be found online at Prideoneline.saintleo.edu

Defiance and the community

BY LINDSAY RENNER
Lions' Pride Ad Editor

Edward Zwick's 2008 film *Defiance* is a many-faceted tale. It is about brothers banded together to fight off the ever-advancing Nazis and simultaneously defend the Jewish race from unwarranted violence. At the same time, the film incorporates more human elements into its plot, such as the triumph of love and the prevalence of spirit over odds stacked firmly against those who face them. What many people may fail to overlook, however, is the film's deeper message of community and responsible stewardship, which mirror two of the core values held by all those at Saint Leo.

This film was screened on Saint Leo's campus Monday, February 21 as a part of the on-going core values film series presented by the Film Society. Although not the first to be shown this year, it is among the more powerful selections. The head of the society, Dr. Donald Pharr, Assistant Professor of English, chose this movie because it managed to relate to not one core value but two. "When Carol Ann (Moon, Reference and Instructional Outreach Librarian) and I were choosing films, we decided on this one because it reflected both community and responsible stewardship simultaneously," said Pharr.

"The community portion of the film is obvious, because of the brothers taking care of an entire group of people," said Pharr, who also believes that the concept of responsible stewardship may not be so readily apparent when examining this movie. "We tend to relate this to the environment or other things over which we have some control…Stewardship is more. It's taking care of those with less."

In this movie, its heroes, the Bielski brothers are Jews torn from their native Germany in the middle of World War II. Rather than surrender meekly to their fate, the brothers choose to escape into the forest, where they must fend for themselves while making certain they are in no danger of being captured or killed. As the film progresses, the brothers find more and more Holocaust escapees hiding out in the woods, and subsequently, a refugee village begins to take root. Although the group is far from being out of the woods, so to speak, they manage to perform well because they are interdependent on one another, and are thus able to delegate tasks and responsibilities among themselves for the progress of their community. During the film's final scenes, in which the whole village must flee the ensuing Nazi invasion, the oldest brother Tuvia (played exceptionally well by Daniel Craig) takes charge of the entire population and ultimately leads them to safety. It is important to recognize, however, that Tuvia did not act alone. His two younger brothers, Zus (Liev Schrieber) and Asael (Jamie Bell) do far more than enough to ensure the success of their operation. It is this camaraderie, along with the film's message of perseverance and willpower, that aids the would-be Holocaust victims in surviving one of the most tumultuous times in history.

As a powerful subject, this film elicits powerful responses from many of its viewers. Saint Leo freshman Demetre Vereen was amazed by what he saw in the film. "It was very touching and very graphic," said Vereen. "It touched me because I felt like I could not have went through that. I would not have made it. Those are brave people with brave hearts."

The film society's next screening will be March 28 in Crawford Hall. The film for this entry in the series will be current Oscar contender Winter's Bone.

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Other articles in the constitution that will be moved to the Appendix include Standing Committees, which includes rules regarding elections, and finances. One major revision to the constitution included the reformatting of the articles that included removals and vacancies. The constitution had many articles that stated ways in which people may be removed from offices for reasons such as absences at meetings, or failure to fulfill job descriptions. This constant reminder of possible removal from SGU throughout the constitution made many of the members feel uneasy, and perhaps intimidated by the document. To further improve this issue, all of the regulations regarding removals and vacancies from SGU were taken from the bulk of constitution, and organized in a separate article included in the constitution, but away from constant viewing. This way, policies regarding removal can be easily found, and not repeated in every section.

Perhaps the most notable revision to the constitution is the layout. Many sections were not only simplified to include the most important policies, but some sections were merged since they had similar purposes. The articles and sections were all rearranged in a sensible order to improve the overall flow of the document. Visually, this changes the constitution a great deal by adding a new level of organization to the document. Additionally, the addition of the Appendices will allow the SGU easier access to those policies which require occasional revision, while also reducing the size of the constitution.

All changes made by the group face a vote on the floor of the Senate. A two-thirds majority is needed to open a constitutional convention, at which time the new draft may be presented. A two-thirds majority in favor of the motion is needed to adopt a new constitution.

The group agreed that additional changes to the content needed to be made at a later meeting, and that the meeting was adjourned. The revised constitution is not yet posted online, but the original can be found by visiting http://www.saintleo.edu/Campus-Life/Student-Government. The final changes will be viewable on this webpage once they are completed.

Motorcycle accident claims young Saint Leo student's life

BY BROOKE KING
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In the past two months, two Saint Leo students have been claimed by vehicular accidents.

Last year over the winter break, Luigi Leroy, a 20-year-old junior and international student from Haiti shocked the campus with his unfortunate and unexpected death in a car accident. The Saint Leo campus will once again mourn the loss of another student to a vehicular accident.

In the early hours of morning on Friday, Feb. 11, a 20-year-old Dade City local was found dead. Christopher J. Gupta, a former Saint Leo student and marketing major, was found by a passerby around 6:20 a.m. Gupta appeared to have been thrown from his 2005 Suzuki motorcycle, after losing control of the vehicle while negotiating a turn at the intersection of Jessamine and Jim Denny roads near County Road 474 in Lake County. According to Tampa Bay Online, Florida State Troopers said that Gupta was traveling south on Jessamine when he failed to successfully navigate a turn, overturning the motorcycle and throwing Gupta into a utility pole. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Though the exact time of the crash is still being investigated, and currently there are no witnesses, those who have any information or witnessed the crash are asked to contact Cpl. T. M. Shields at (352)797-5737.

Funeral Services were held Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross on Saint Leo University Campus to honor the life of Christopher J. Gupta. Students and faculty are asked to keep the Gupta family in their thoughts and prayers, as well as the family of Luigi Leroy throughout this difficult time.

Little Town of Bethlehem

BY ALYSSA SCHUYLER
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This two hour event started with an intense documentary that followed three different men with a discussion led by Omer Ozbek, Reverend Daniel Kayajan, and Barry Silber following the film presentation. The men's lives in the documentary contrasted because of their beliefs, positions in life and jobs.

One person in the documentary, Yonatan Shafira, is a Jew from Israel and a son of a pilot who trained to become a pilot himself. Shafira was extremely proud of this position. Later in the documentary when he went to a peace camp, he became ashamed of his profession following a story someone told about a pilot who had rendered his sister paralyzed. At this point, Shafira did not even mention his profession. He later went on to start a movement called Combatants for Peace that would help soldiers say no to unjust and illegal actions that would lead to civilian deaths from orders that their superiors were giving them.

Omer Ozbek, Reverend Daniel Kayajan, and Barry Silber deep in discussion

Photo by Alyssa Schuyler

Another man that the documentary featured was Ahmad Al'Azzah, a Muslim from Palestine living in a refugee camp. His son suffered from a poor immune system but the hospitals were of little help because of the family's background. Al'Azzah had to get a one day pass to take his son to a doctor that could help him. Furthermore, his father was having chest pains one day and after walking to the hospital. The doctors wanted to send him home, but they waited almost 50 minutes and Al'Azzah's father ultimately died in front of him from the lack of service. Even through all of the hardships Ahmad faced, he is committed to being a nonviolence trainer.

The third man, Sami Awad, is from Palestine. He is a Christian who learned about peace through the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi when he traveled to India later in his life. In high school, he was asked to speak about nonviolence after his uncle was deported.

This documentary was extremely powerful and showed impacting images. In between the stories in the documentary, viewers were showed images of war in the streets that even included dead children and funeral processions with distraught friends and family members.

After the documentary, Omer Ozbek, Reverend Daniel Kayajan, and Barry Silber, took center stage to discuss the topics that were brought up and answer any questions the audience had. Ozbek is the Executive director of the Turkish Cultural Center of Tampa Bay. Reverend Kayajan is the Pastor of St. Rita Parish, and Silber is a representative of Hillsborough Community College.

"Judiasm has always been about peace. The film didn't quite refer to the words that we have as a part of our religion which is 'tikkun olam,' which means to repair the world," said Silber.

When Silber spoke with his rabbi, he found out that the Jewish people are not against war as far as self defense goes. Also, the Jewish religion would not necessarily agree with Gandhi.

"The Jewish religion has always been about peace, but one of self-defense," said Silber.

"The nature of humankind is peace. Although there is certainly conflict and clash between communities, between groups, between nations, between ethnicities, and there is need for a resolution," said Ozbek.

Ozbek went on to talk about the movie.

"The example in the movie is shown as these people coming together, at least getting to know each other first of all, as he was so shocked that he's sitting next to a person that he may be in a fight maybe five or ten years ago. But now they are sitting together for peace, for their children, for the future of their children, and for the safety of their own societies. So I say that's so important and so impressive."

Reverend Kayajan found the violent images in the movie to be difficult. He also found the end of the movie hopeful because they were getting together to get to know each other.

"The more personal contact that happens among different religions, among faith groups, among cultures, the more folks come to realize everyone's God's given dignity," said Reverend Kayajan.

Reverend Kayajan also discussed a point brought forward in the film: peace shouldn't just be in one area, but in all places."This is a challenge really for all of us. I think those of you who

are students especially. What are we doing on Saint Leo's campus to work for peace? But a just peace, a peace that is going to last," said Kayajan.

The film shown at this event was powerful. It brought up many new thoughts on the idea of peace. The three speakers were extremely knowledgeable on the issues brought up in the film and questions asked by those in the audience.

New spin on research

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
Lions' Pride Layout Editor

The word "research" often spikes intimidation (and perspiration!) in students who are faced with it, but it doesn't have to be frightening. Research can be relevant in any field, and students hoping to continue their education with graduate studies will likely hear a lot more about it. Perhaps the concept of research sounds daunting to students only because they aren't educated properly about the topic. In many cases, having research experience is a requirement to get into graduate school. Although research is very important, it doesn't have to be a stressful, complicated process. Chances are, when it comes to research, many students don't even know where to begin. If this is the case, have no fear Saint Leo students, because the Research Club is here. Research Club Senator, Mickela Engelsen, gives The Lions' Pride the low-down on the many benefits of being a member of the Research Club.

Cheralyn Barrington of The Lions' Pride: Why was this club formed?

Mickela Engelsen, Senator of Research Club: This club was formed in order for students to learn more about research and have the opportunity to come together and learn from each other. Many students are unaware of the research opportunities here at Saint Leo, and the Research Club serves as a link between students and research. Sometimes research can seem intimidating and the support from fellow students can be extremely rewarding at this time. The Research Club also provides students with guest speakers, and professors of different majors helping the members with their current research and helping students find research.

CB: What kind of activities do you do in the meetings?

ME: A Research Club meeting would usually involve a guest speaker and informing the members of current research or research they may be conducting or have finished. Members have the opportunity to ask questions, and learn more about diverse types of research. The Research Club is open for all members, and meetings will involve research from these different majors. At each meeting, we have an allocated time at the end for "skill building" which involves a ten minute or so in-depth lesson of how to, for example, make an hypothesis or a method section, how to collect data, how to present data, and so forth. Members are welcome to share ideas of guest speakers they would like, or activities they would like to participate in, therefore, the meetings change with members input. A meeting can also involve an analysis of research within the group. We also have online resources available to all members.

CB: Why do you think this is beneficial for students?

ME: This is beneficial for students because it creates a forum of research opportunities and the possibility to learn from other researchers and students how to propose, conduct, and present research. Every student would benefit by doing research, and therefore, the Research Club is there to show them what they can do research on. Many students are intimidated by research, and the Research Club is a friendly, social environment created to share, collaborate, and learn [how to] research. In my personal opinion, it makes research fun, and exciting!

CB: What are the best parts of belonging to this club?

ME: The best part of being in the Research Club is that I have all the resources to do research right under my fingertips. Not only can every member learn how to do research, but they also receive help and feedback on every step in the process. For example, instead of taking my research proposal directly to the IRB (Institutional Review Board), I can have some time in a meeting for everyone to look at my proposal, and give me feedback and advice on it. In a sense, the Research Club is like a big brother, helping members do better research, and guiding members in their research.

CB: Are there any upcoming activities the club is planning to do that you think students might find interesting?

ME: The dates for our upcoming activities will be posted as soon as everything is approved, the plans so far involve a guest speaker on sexual offenders, Battle of the Bands with Psychology Club , Bounce for Research, a field trip to Florida Sleep Institute (on a Saturday in March), Dinner for Research, and skill building activities.

CB: Is there any other general info you'd like The Lion's Pride to know?

ME: I would emphasize again that the Research Club is open for all majors; anyone who wishes to know more about research can be a member! This is a club created to help students, and I believe that every student would benefit from membership. Meetings are hosted every other Monday from 4-5 p.m., our next meeting will be Feb. 28 from 4-5p.m. in Crawford Hall, 1.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon gives back

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On a weekend typically reserved by Saint Leo students as Gasparilla Weekend, brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity traveled farther than Tampa, into an entirely different place.

> ***"Those smiles on the children's faces were priceless," said Nicholas Iafrate.***

Immokalee, Florida is a town almost exclusively comprised of migrant farmers and workers. The brothers, in efforts to better understand their community, traveled with Dr. Randall Woodard, professor of Theology, to Immokalee, where they spent the day helping in any way they could, from scrubbing walls and moving furniture, to reprogramming computers and raking gardens.

The group spent the afternoon at the Carl J. Kuehner Community Center, part of Immokalee Housing and Family Services. The center serves as an after-school programming location for school-age children, hosting classes until 6pm, in efforts to ensure no child is sent home to an empty house. During the day, however, the center is filled with classes of adult learners, acclimating themselves in everything from English to Social Studies.

"The best thing about the weekend was being able to help out the community," said Anthony Rivera, president of the Class of 2013. "Not only did I enjoy the company of my brothers, but I was able to give back." Rivera's sentiments were echoed throughout the group.

But it wasn't all work for the brothers – halfway through their chores, a group of children came to do their part, and kept the group entertained and motivated. "Those smiles on the children's faces were priceless," said Nicholas Iafrate. "After seeing those smiles, I'm happy that I chose to come here and help out."

After spending the day volunteering, the group traveled to nearby Ave Maria University, where they enjoyed a private lecture delivered by Daniel Dentino, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Dentino spoke to the group about leadership in the community.

"I thought Dan's speech was a great way to wrap up the day," said Collin Good. "His message about holding ourselves accountable for our future, as well as our community's future, was a great way to reinforce what we had learned today."

The brothers plan to return to Immokalee in the coming year.

Photo by Randall Woodard
Some of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers posing with Immokalee children

Photo by Randall Woodard
Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Immokalee children worked side by side

Arts & Entertainment

83rd Annual Academy Awards

Oscar Predictions for 2011

It's going to be a tough call

BY BROOKE KING
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Though many of the great films this year were snubbed from the Oscars, there are still many talked about movies this year that were nominated.

The grand-daddy of all awards is obviously Best Picture. While there are some great movies up for this award, there are only a few that can be considered in contention as the "ultimate" movie of the year. Though there has been a lot of hype surrounding *Black Swan,* the pretty ballerina movie needs to watch its back because *True Grit* is taking no prisoners. While some people still assert that *The King's Speech* and *Inception* are in the running as well, it is the psycho ballerina movie *Black Swan* that will sweep not only the Best Picture category, but Actress in a Leading Role, Director, and Film Editing as well.

The Best Actor in a Leading Role is between two actors, Colin Firth and Jeff Bridges. However, the true blue cowboy seemed to deliver up quite a punch in not only acting ability, but in star quality. John Wayne would have been proud.

While people don't normally care as much about the supporting actors and actresses, it is clear that from this year on, they will. For Best Supporting Actor, I have to give it to Geoffrey Rush from *The King's Speech.* He did a tremendous job equaling his role with that of Colin Firth and at times overpowering the lead role with his minor role. For Best Supporting Actress, it is hands down the young Hailee Steinfeld from *True Grit*. Even with star power like Matt Damon and Jeff Bridges in the same scene as her, even in her young acting career, Steinfield seems to upstage even their seasoned performances.

Best Animated Feature Film will no doubt go to *Toy Story 3* for its amazing ability to tug the heart strings of middle-aged men watching it with their four year old kids. Art Direction and Costume Design will probably go to the geniuses behind *Alice and Wonderland.* As for Cinematography, it is a toss-up between *Inception* and *True Grit.* However, seeing as how *Inception* was mind-blowing and insane in cinematography, the winner is going to be *Inception.*

For best Foreign Language Film, Mexico's *Biutiful* is definitely the only one that is even remotely close to having a chance at winning. The acting is daring, and the plot line is a heart string puller.

For Music, although this is where *Toy Story 3* should have gotten a nomination, the only nominated movie that has a remotely better chance than the one movie that was not nominated is *Inception.* One name rings a bell when you think about soundtrack score gold, Hans Zimmer. However, Best Original Song definitely did not snub the creative talents of Randy Newman. Yes, *Toy Story 3* is the hands down winner of all that is music in movies.

There are several other categories which aren't as important as the aforementioned ones, but worth noting nonetheless. For Visual Effects, it is a tie between *Alice in Wonderland* and *Inception.* For Writing (Adapted Screenplay), the winner is probably going to be *Social Network,* unfortunately. For Original Screenplay, the obvious winner is going to be *Inception.* Two words: mind blowing!

So there you have it: the predictions for the 83rd Academy Awards. Some people will go home as winners and some will watch from home just to see who will cry or who makes fools out of themselves on live television. Either way, tune in on Wednesday Feb. 23 to see who wins and who loses (Check local listing for times and channels).

Publisher Jennifer Woods shares her story with Saint Leo

President of Typecast Publishing tells how poetry can be financially viable

BY GREG ROBINSON
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Poetry is not among the genres one would expect to be profitable enough to sustain a publishing house. However, on Wednesday, February 16 at 7 p.m., a sizable crowd in the Cannon Memorial Library learned how it can be done.

Jennifer Woods of Typecast Publishing told the crowd how her publishing house, which produces "The Lumberyard," has been successful publishing poetry in today's market. The event was titled "The Arts in Business" and was arranged with the help of Professor Elisabeth Aiken.

Woods, who wanted to share her message of how she remains viable while publishing verse, is currently the President of Typecast Publishing. Their signature publication, "The Lumberyard," combines poetry with graphic art in an entirely original manner. Graphics are printed in and around the text of the poetry, creating a unique kind of art unlike anything attempted in publishing before.

Woods also discussed the origin of this unusual but successful idea in addition to reading a few selections of poetry. She describes the adversity she faced when she told people she wanted to publish poetry, and explained it was hard to convince people sometimes.

Woods speaks in the Library

Photo by Greg Robinson

"The minute I would say the "p" word, poetry, people would roll their eyes." Woods said.Woods spoke of the sometimes wild path that led her to this position. She claims the idea to do something so original began soon after she dropped out of graduate school twice. Woods started working for a small independent press about six years ago that continued to publish poetry despite a lack of demand. This inspired her to start trying to achieve the same thing by publishing poetry. After four years of publishing "The Lumberyard," Woods told the crowd how her publication was reviewed by The New York Times. Such major media coverage opened up a number of new opportunities for her, and Typecast was able to develop into a fully-fledged press.

She passed out copies of "The Lumberyard" for the crowd to admire. One particular issue she demonstrated combined illustrations from old medical textbooks with the poetry. The crowd of students and faculty looked on with wonder at the one-of-a-kind poetry. During the course of the evening, Woods read several poems including a poem from a recent Typecast Publication called "Monkey Bars," a full length poetry publication by Matthew Lippman. Woods also made the generous offer of publishing one of Saint Leo's young writers in an upcoming edition of "The Lumberyard."

The event was followed by a small gathering and informal discussion over desserts and beverages. For more information about Typecast Publishing and "The Lumberyard," visit http://www.lumberyardmagazine.com/

New Releases

DVD

Release Date: Feb. 21
-Megamind (DreamWorks Pictures)
-Due Date (Warner Bros. Pictures)
-Weeds: Season 6 (Lions Gate Television)

Release Date: March 1
-Burlesque (De Line Pictures)
-Faster (CBS Films and TriStar Pictures)
-127 Hours (Cloud 8 Films and Everest Entertainment)
-Love and Other Drugs (Fox 2000 Pictures and Regency Enterprises)

CD

Release Date: Feb. 21
1. Rev Theory
   Justice
   Interscope Records
2. Adele
   21
   XL Recordings Limited
3. The Sounds
   Something to Die For
   Sideonedummy Records

Release Date:March 1
1. Lykke Li
   Wounded Rhymes
   LL Recordings
2. Dropkick Murphys
   Going Out in Style
   Born & Bred Records
3. Shaolin vs. Wu Tang
   Raekwon
   ICEH20 Records

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Pigging out at the State Fair

BY BROOKE KING
Lions' Pride Entertainment Editor

Before you take a trip to the fair this year, make sure you have a fat wad of cash to go with that appetite.

From fried Oreos to turkey legs, the fair this year has got everything a binge eater, diet breaker, or food lover could ever want. The only thing a fair go'er might want to consider is the exorbitant amount of money that will be shelled out for the fine taste of some good ol' fair food.

The price of lemonade was four dollars for a 16-ounce cup and refills were a dollar. The price for a bottle of water was three bucks. There are vendors as far as the eye could see and if you were willing to forgo some hunger pains, you could find the right price you wanted to pay for a hot dog, which was no less than four dollars (the cheapest I found).

However, to my surprise, I could not resist trying the infamous fried Oreos. Though the name may put you off from trying, they were actually quite delicious with powdered sugar atop the mound of fried goodness. The price was a little steep for fried food; four bucks for four fried Oreos, but nonetheless, worth the five minute wait in a long line to sample some of Florida's finest fried creations.

There is always the usual fair food, turkey and pork legs, cotton candy, grilled corn on a stick, and the always-good ol' fashion hamburger. However, if you are searching for an unusual culinary cuisine, look no further than this year's state fair. There is a wide selection of weird when it comes to fair food. No, fried Oreos aren't the weirdest thing at the fair. Have you ever tried alligator tail or snake? There's a booth next to the reptile center that sells alligator gyros. If that is not weird enough for you, try a fried pickle or a caramel and chocolate covered cricket. Yes; there are all kinds of weird cuisines at the fair; you just have to follow your nose.

There is something for many culinary tastes at the fair, but be careful because 50 dollars goes quick when your taste buds take over. However, if you're looking for good food without the worry of burning a hole in your wallet, then the Florida State Fair is the place where you can indulge in that sweet tooth, sport that 80's mullet leather jacket combo, and still get your eat on.

Will movie watchers *Just Go with It*?

Contemplations on Sandler's new comedy

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
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Is Adam Sandler's latest film, Just Go with It worth 8 bucks to see in theaters, worth waiting for DVD, or worth seeing at all?

After being unlucky in love, Danny, played by Sandler, comes up with an elaborate scheme to pick up women. He wears a wedding band and pretends he's the victim in a collapsing marriage. Danny's lies help him rack up one night stands, but become problematic when he meets Palmer, a woman he sees a future with. After spending a romantic night together, Palmer finds Danny's fake wedding band in his pocket and quickly becomes angry. Desperate to win her back, Danny tells Palmer he's getting a divorce. Palmer agrees to give Danny a second chance, but on one condition: she wants to meet his soon-to-be ex-wife. Feeling option-less, Danny pulls his friend Katherine, played by Jennifer Aniston, into the mix.

Sandler has set the laugh meter pretty high for his comedies, and in that aspect, this film delivers. Weaved with lies, the tangled web of a plot is chock-full of innuendos and slapstick quips. However, the film hasn't been rated very highly in popular film critique spots. On RottenTomatos.com, the film earned a less than impressive 19 percent out of 100 percent, and on IMDb.com, it received a 6 out of 10 rating. Although the film provides many laugh out loud moments, something seems to be missing. Perhaps the mixed reviews are because the story isn't the most cohesive, as there are plot fallacies, and much of what happens is unrealistic. The film also feeds into media stereotypes, as it focuses a lot on sex and bikini scenes instead of relying on substance. The film also doesn't supply any plot surprises, as it follows familiar clichés and much of it is given away in the previews.

The best part of the film is surely its humor, but the cast also make it enjoyable. Although they weren't publicized in the trailers, unexpected characters played by Nicole Kidman and Dave Matthews show up and play rivals of Aniston and Sandler. The chemistry between Sandler and Aniston is also notable, and quick-witted banter between the two is entertaining.

Is this film worth watching? If a good laugh is what the viewer is looking for, then yes. However, this isn't a film for someone expecting a dignified or seamless plot. For those unsure about the quality of this film, it could be worth waiting for the DVD. Although it won't win any awards, the film deserves a chance, and shouldn't be written off unless the potential viewer is hard to please.

Event calendar

Date	Event	Location and Time
February 11-27	Florida State Fair	Florida State Fair Grounds, 10 a.m.
February 23-26	Spring Play: *Horse Scents*	Marmion Center
February 24	Jeff Dunham (Comedian)	St. Pete Times Forum, 7:30 p.m.
February 24	Pasco County Fair	Pasco County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.
February 28	Women's History Month Event (School of A&S)	Boardrooms, 7 p.m.
March 1	The Oak Ridge Boys (Country)	Lakeland Center Jenkin Arena,7 p.m
March 2	Music Concert	Selby Auditorium, TBA
March 6	Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Highland Games	Zephyr Park, Zephyrhills, 10 a.m.
March 7	Women's History Month Event	Boardrooms, 7 p.m.
March 8	Visiting Writer, Mike Czyzniejewski	Cannon D. Memorial Library, 7 p.m.
March 10	Women's History Month Event	Boardrooms, 7 p.m.
March 13	Florida Strawberry Festival	Strawberry Festival Grounds, Plant City, 10 a.m.
March 19	Kenny Chesney, Zac Brown Band	Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, 4:30 p.m

Editor's iPod Playlist

Featured Editor : BROOKE KING
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1. "Young Blood"
   The Naked and Famous
   Young Blood
2. "Pyro"
   Kings of Leon
   Comes Around Sundown
3. "Down By the River"
   The Decemberists
   The King is Dead
4. "Kiss With a Fist"
   Florence + the Machine
   Lungs
5. "The Girl"
   City and Colour
   Bring Me Your Love
6. "Where is my Mind?"
   Pixies
   Surfer Rosa
7. "Ready to Start"
   Arcade Fire
   The Suburbs
8. "Pumped Up Kicks"
   Foster the People
   Foster the People- EP
9. "Sail"
   AWOLNATION
   Back From Earth
10. "The Funeral"
    Band of Horses
    Everything All the Time

Dilbert

By Scott Adams

Peanuts

By Charles Schulz

Sports
Saint Leo Lions sports update

BY CHAD WISE
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Saint Leo University saw the men's basketball team lose away at Rollins 49-86 on Feb. 12, win at home against Tampa 60-69 on Feb. 16, and win away at Florida College on Feb. 17, 72-52. The Lions will look to continue the winning ways Feb. 23 at Eckerd before returning home to face Barry on Senior Day, Feb. 26.

The Lions womens basketball team also played a few games, though it lost both. On Feb. 12, the Lions were defeated away at Rollins 50-73 and at home against Tampa 48-63. Coach Olds will certainly prepare the team well for the upcoming games away at Eckerd on Feb. 23 and at home for Senior Day against Barry, two Sunshine State Conference opponents.

In the double-header at home against Columbus State on Feb. 12, the Lions Baseball Team took the first game 6-2, but were then shut out 0-6. The men came back the next day to take another win away from the Cougars 6-4, only to fall in the next game against Eckerd on Feb. 15 4-8. The Lions go on the road for the next few games, travelling to Georgia Southwestern for three games on Feb. 19 and 20, and then to Palm Beach Atlantic for two games on Feb. 25 and 26.

Lion fans cheer for basketball team

Photo Courtesy of Mike Carlson

The Women's Softball Team enjoyed a sweep of the University of North Alabama and took one game out of two against Delta State University over the weekend of Feb. 12-13 at the West Florida Tournament in Pensacola. The Lady Lions travel to West Palm Beach on Feb. 19 to play two games against Palm Beach Atlantic before playing two games at Saint Thomas University the next day.

The Men's and Women's swim teams will compete in the Sunshine State Conference Championships in Orlando from Feb. 17-20 at the YMCA, where the College Swimming Coaches Association of America number 23-ranked team will look to bring back some hardware to University Campus.

The Men's Tennis Team opened the year with a pair of losses against Embry Riddle and Stetson on Feb. 12 in Daytona Beach and Deland, respectively. The men hope to get back into form against Eckerd in St. Petersburg on Feb. 23 and at Columbus State in Georgia on Feb. 26.

The Women's Tennis Team dropped to 2-1 on the young year with a loss against Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach. The ladies travel to Eckerd on Feb. 23 before trekking to Columbus, Georgia to play Columbus State.

The women's golf squad will compete in the Lady Moc Classic at Eaglebrook Country Club with Florida Southern over the two days of Feb. 21 and 22. It will be the ladies' first competition since the second-place finish at Marsh Creek Country Club on Oct. 25 and 26.

The Men's Golf Team will contend with Thomas University in the Thomas University Invitational at Kinderlou Forest Golf Club on Feb. 21 and 22. The men have had a few weeks to prepare since the eighth place finish at the Titan Winter Invitational on Feb. 7 and 8.

The Men's Lacrosse Team enjoyed a couple of exhibition wins against a local club team and a group of lacrosse alumni last week. The nationally ranked Lions open the schedule with a game at Rollins, a Sunshine State Conference foe, on Feb. 19, and then take a trip to North Carolina to face St. Andrews Presbyterian on Feb. 25 and Pfeiffer on Feb. 27.

For more detailed, up-to-date news on Saint Leo University Athletics, please visit saintleolions.com.

The Lions softball team is 6-6 with their 5-3 win and 0-3 loss against Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach on Feb. 19. The Lions will have their next home games against Dominican College, Mar. 1 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The first Sunshine State Conference Game of the season is on Mar. 4 when the Lions will play against Lynn University in Boca Raton.

#18 Ali Lamb

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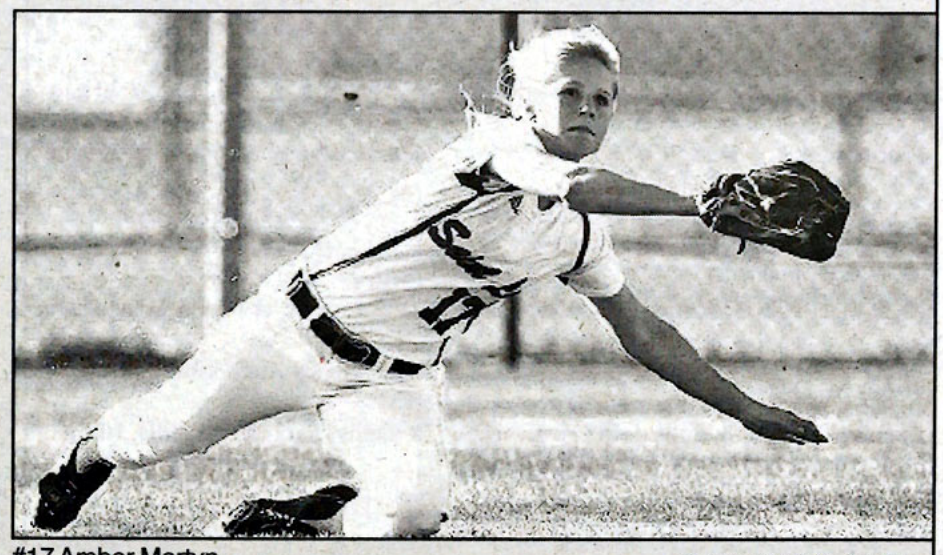
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